

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1. A system comprising:  
2           a compiler to compile a computer program , the compiler forming  
3           optimized code regions to improve performance of the computer program by  
4           optimizing frequently executed code and using compiler transformation and  
5           hardware support to handle infrequently executed code;  
6           a memory to store the compiler;  
7           a central processing unit (CPU) cooperatively connected to the memory to  
8           run the compiler and to speculatively execute the optimized code regions;  
9           a store buffer connected to the CPU to improve the speed at which the  
10          CPU speculatively executes the optimized code regions.

1           2. The system of claim 1, wherein the store buffer assists the CPU in  
2           speculatively executing the optimized code regions by temporarily storing  
3           results produced during the speculative execution of the optimized code regions.

1           3. The system of claim 1, wherein the compiler improves performance of  
2           the computer program by applying standard available optimizations.

1           4. The system of claim 1, wherein the compiler improves performance of  
2           the computer program by selecting a seed block, duplicating the seed block, and  
3           growing the seed block to form a region.

1           5. The system of claim 4, wherein the compiler improves performance of  
2           the computer program by trimming blocks near a head block of the region to  
3           form a trimmed region having improved scheduling cycles.

1           6. The system of claim 4, wherein the compiler improves performance of  
2 the computer program by trimming blocks near a tail block of the region to form  
3 a trimmed region having improved scheduling cycles.

1           7. The system of claim 4, wherein the compiler improves performance of  
2 the computer program by updating a branch frequency for an original code  
3 corresponding to the region to form an improved region.

1           8. A method comprising:  
2 compiling a computer program;  
3 improving performance of the computer program by optimizing  
4 frequently executed code and using compiler transformation and hardware  
5 support to handle infrequently executed code;  
6 storing temporarily the results produced during execution of formed  
7 regions to handle infrequent code being actually executed;  
8 committing the results produced when the execution of the region is  
9 completed successfully.

1           9. The method of claim 8, wherein the improving performance of the  
2 computer program further includes applying standard available optimizations to  
3 the formed regions.

1           10. The method of claim 8, wherein the improving performance of the  
2 computer program further includes selecting a seed block, duplicating the seed  
3 block, and growing the seed block to form a region.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the improving performance of the  
2 computer program further includes trimming blocks near a head block of the  
3 region to form a trimmed region of having improved scheduling cycles.

1 12. The method of claim 10, wherein the improving performance of the  
2 computer program further includes trimming blocks near a tail block of the  
3 region to form a trimmed region having improved scheduling cycles.

1 13. The method of claim 10, wherein the improving performance of the  
2 computer program further includes updating a branch frequency for an original  
3 code corresponding to the region to construct an improved region.

1 14. A machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when  
2 executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:  
3 compiling a computer program;  
4 improving performance of the computer program by optimizing  
5 frequently executed code and using compiler transformation and hardware  
6 support to handle infrequently executed code;  
7 storing temporarily the results of produced during execution of a region  
8 to improve performance of the computer program; and  
9 committing the results produced when the execution of the region is  
10 completed successfully.

1 15. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the improving  
2 performance of the computer program further includes applying standard  
3 available optimizations.

1           16. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the improving  
2 performance of the computer program further includes selecting a seed block,  
3 duplicating the seed block, and growing the seed block to form a region.

1           17. The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the improving  
2 performance of the computer program further includes trimming blocks near a  
3 head block of the region.

1           18. The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the improving  
2 performance of the computer program further includes trimming blocks near a  
3 tail block of the region.

1           19. The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the improving  
2 performance of the computer program further includes updating a branch  
3 frequency for a original code corresponding the region.